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VIA E-FILE

The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown Chief, Section of Administration Surface Transportation Board 395 E. Street, S.W., Room #100 Washington, DC 20423-0001

> Notice of Exemption to Abandon a portion of the Camp Robinson Spur from M.P. 345.64 to the end of the Line at M.P. 349.68 near Levy, a total distance of 4.04 miles in Pulaski County, Arkansas (the "Line"); STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 289X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a request from the City of North Little Rock, a political subdivision of the State of Arkansas (the "City"), seeking the issuance of a Certificate or Notice of Interim Trail Use pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 for the portion of the Union Pacific's Camp Robinson Spur located in and about the City of North Little Rock between Milepost 345.64 near Levy to Milepost 349.68 near Camp Robinson, a distance of approximately 4.04 miles in Pulaski County, Arkansas.

The Union Pacific is willing to negotiate with the City concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the City's request to negotiate for a period of 180 days. A copy of the City's request is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

Sincerely,

Mack H. Shumate, Jr.

Senior General Attorney

Attachment

City of North Little Rock CC:

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Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Union Pacific Railroad Company Abandonment in Pulaski County, Arkansas, Docket #AB-33, Sub #289X

Dear Secretary:

This request is filed on behalf of the City of North Little Rock, which is a political subdivision of the State of Arkansas interested in transportation, natural resources, and recreation, hereinafter referred to as "proponent."

Proponent requests issuance of a Public Use Condition as well as an Interim Trail Use Condition rather than an outright abandonment authorization between Pike Avenue and Remount Road.

A. Request for Public Use Condition

Proponent asks the STB to find that this property is suitable for other public use, specifically a bicycle and pedestrian trail use, and to place the following conditions on the abandonment:

- 1. An order prohibiting the carrier from disposing of the corridor, other than the tracks, ties and signal equipment, except for public use on reasonable terms. Justification for this condition is that the rail corridor in question will provide a transportation corridor through a major residential area connecting with a middle school and shopping center. The corridor would make an excellent recreational trail, and conversion of the property to trail use is in accordance with local plans. In addition, the corridor provides open space, and its preservation as a recreational trail is consistent with those purposes. The time period sought is 180 days from the effective date of the abandonment authorization. Proponent needs this much time to review title information, complete a trail plan, and negotiate with the carrier.
- 2. An order barring removal or destruction of potential trail-related structures, such as base material and culverts. The justification for this condition is that these structures have considerable value for recreational and personal transportation trail purposes. The time period

requested is 180 days from the effective date of the abandonment authorization for the same reason as indicated above.

B. Request for Interim Trail Use

The railroad right-of-way in this proceeding is suitable for railbanking. In addition to the public use conditions sought above, proponent also makes the following request:

STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO ASSUME FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

In order to establish interim trail use and railbanking under section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. §1247(d), and 49 CFR §1152.29, the City of North Little Rock is willing to assume full responsibility for management of, for the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right-of-way owned by and operated by the Union Pacific Railroad, and will indemnify the railroad against any potential liability should property interest revert to the City.

The property, known as the Levy Spur, extends from Pike Avenue to Remount Road and includes railroad milepost 348, a distance of 3.5 miles in Pulaski County, Arkansas. The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad proposed for abandonment in STB Docket #AB-33, Sub #289X.

A map depicting the right-of-way is attached.

The City of North Little Rock acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the user's continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service.

By my signature below, I certify service upon Union Pacific Railroad, 1400 Douglas Street, Stop 1690, Omaha, NE 68179-1690, by U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid, first class, this 11th day of August, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

on behalf of the City of North Little Rock

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cc: Kevin Kohler, UPRR Sales Manager Union Pacific Railroad 1400 Douglas Street, Stop 1690 Omaha, NE 68179-1690

